

Saint Aloysius Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Monday and Friday, 10:00 am – Noon

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 pm)

Sunday January 5th, 2025 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

ADMINISTRATOR

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Gabriel Lopez 205 434 7169
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WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday (English) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday (Spanish) 12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday (Father celebrates the mass privately for your intention)
Tuesday through Friday 12:00 p.m. Noon

SUNDAY BULLETIN
Deadline for new items Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

For more info contact the Church Office for Baptismal Preparation English & Hispanic Coordinator for Spanish Baptism.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:00 p.m. (or before and after daily Mass except Sunday)

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Reju at least six months before your proposed date. Weddings will not be performed after 2:00 p.m. or before 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK

The Church recommends this sacrament to all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please call the Church Office.

FUNERALS

In order to secure the services of a priest or the use of the Church, it is necessary to contact the Church Office *before* making arrangements with a funeral home. Father Reju is ready to help with funerals.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

OUR SICK
Robert Geisen Gloria McDaniel Kathleen Jones Joe Wright

HOMEBOUND SICK AND SHUT-IN	
Bernardine Chiarella Nancy Franklin Robert Wilson Sue Nielsen Robert Vincent	John V. Jones Jr. Meredith Jones Dot Herald Johana Findley

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u> Rudy Cooper Jean Sullivan

If you need any assistance for the spiritual needs of the sick or shut-in, or know someone who is well enough to be removed from this list, please contact the Church Office at (205) 424 2984, or email to: info@staloyuscc.org

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Pray for our military who are deployed throughout the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

<u>AIR FORCE</u> Daniel K. Hicks Shea Hicks James McKinney Lance Rosser Gabriel Petix	<u>ARMY</u> Blake Seidel Brandan Engel Luke Thomas Joseph R. Chiarella José Emmanuel García Kristopher Snelling
<u>U.S. INTELLIGENCE</u> Daniel Thomas Dulce Rivera	

Call the Church Office at 205-424-2984 or send an e-mail to info@staloyuscc.org with the names of the military personnel and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is powerful and we need all the prayer warriors that we can get. Sheila Zito e-mails prayer requests for the parish, Mother of Christ Altar Guild, and the Choir. If any parishioner has a prayer request or wishes to be notified of other people's requests, contact Sheila at fsz321@bellsouth.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 12 († = Deceased)		
Tuesday 4:00 PM	January 7	NO MASS
Wednesday 9:30AM	January 8	NO MASS
Thursday 12 Noon	January 9	NO MASS
Friday 12 Noon	January 10	NO MASS
Saturday 4:30pm	January 11	Carlyn Smart † Jan Scoggins
Sunday 9:30am	January 12	(TG) Kathy & Charles Tortorice (TG) Glenda & Ray Mernaugh

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are received weekly during office hours by phone, mail or in the office. You can also register on **Online Giving App** or website and request the Mass Intention, under Mass Stipends.

SAINT ALOYSIUS ROSARY GROUP

A group of parishioners (men and women) will now meet on **WEDNESDAY at 11:30 AM during adoration** to pray the Rosary. Anyone who wants to pray the Rosary is invited.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Tuesdays through Fridays at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to pray before mass begins. Confessions can also be heard during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or after daily Mass. No confessions will be heard on Sundays.

FIRE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Lord has blessed each of us abundantly by giving us the gift of His Holy Spirit. Come learn how He desires to work in your life every day. The group meets **every Thursday** of the month (**except the 2nd Thursday**) in the Church at **6:30 p.m.** Come join us in prayer and worship and release your gifts of the Holy Spirit! All are welcome. For more information, please contact Kathy Tortorice at (205) 531-0930 or kathytortorice@gmail.com.

ALOYSIUS CHOIR PRACTICES

The Choir started back to practice on **Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm** at the church. Anyone interested in joining the choir can contact Paula Clowdus @ (205) 382 0845, or any choir member.

Make a Joyful Noise

SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As Catholic Christians and members of the Parish Family of Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, we are committed:

- To provide all our members (adults and youth) opportunities for spiritual development through worship, prayer, religious education and social interaction.
- To spread the Word of God and support our Parish Family with the gifts He has given us by using our time, talent, and treasure to His glory.
- To strive continually to witness our faith as we journey toward the future that God has promised those who accept His Word.
- To reach out to the larger community of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the world.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Charles Ellis, President
Vickie Gavin, Vice Chairperson
Michael Tomberlin, Secretary
Charles Tortorice
Gabriel Lopez
Phillip Galloway
Eddie Blanco
Kellie Whitson

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gloria McDaniel, Chairperson
Mike Snelling, Vice Chairperson
Ray Mernaugh, Secretary

MINISTRIES CONTACT PERSON

Mother of Christ Altar Guild
Angie Cacioppo (205) 281 1901

Holy Family Altar Guild
Kellie Whitson (205) 296 3390

Knights of Columbus
Anthony Rupert (205) 428 6600

Men's Society
Charles Ellis (205) 365 5896
Jim Galloway (205) 516 1645

Music Ministry
Paula Clowdus (205) 382 0845

FR. REJU'S VACATIONS

Fr. Reju will be on vacation in India until January 24th. If you need to contact him, send him a text message via WhatsApp at 91 974 56 03863 or through email at rjupynadath@gmail.com.

Remember there will be NO MASSES ON WEEKDAYS

**The Saturday and Sunday Mass
Schedule will be as usual.**

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Most couples spend months planning, and hundreds, if not thousands of dollars, preparing for the wedding. But how much time and effort are spent preparing for a Lifetime of Togetherness?

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience which provides the engaged couple the opportunity to discuss with each other their future together in the Sacrament of Matrimony. The goal is to deepen a couple's relationship through reflection and dialogue.

For more information go to:

www.birminghamcee.org

or to register online go to:

register.cebirmingham@gmail.com

THANK YOU!!

We wish to express our gratitude to the Mother of Christ Altar Guild for the gifts given to the children of the Religious Education Class who are receiving their First Communion. We would like to thank you for making this Christmas unforgettable for the children.

ONLINE GIVING LINK

You can make your contribution at www.osvhub.com. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link. This requires you to have an available email address.

You can also give via Text Message
to (205)708-0221.

Please call the office for assistance.



PARISH STEWARSHIP

Parish Stewardship 2024				
Sunday - Dec 29				
Fund	Online Giving	Sunday Collection	Total By Fund	Jan - Dec
General Fund	3,180.00	7,316.20	10,496.20	321,695.83
Building Fund	350.00	150.00	500.00	103,050.00
Parish School of Religion	135.00	25.00	160.00	16,891.96
Total	3,665.00	7,491.20	11,156.20	441,637.79
		Total:	\$11,156.20	

Sunday January 5th, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord

**From the Gospel according to
Matthew 2:1-12**

*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in
Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.”*

*When King Herod heard this,
he was greatly troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him.*

*Assembling all the chief priests and
the scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the
Christ was to be born.*

*They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea,
for thus it has been written through the
prophet:*

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”*

*Then Herod called the magi secretly
and ascertained from them the time
of the star’s appearance.*

*He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
“Go and search diligently for the child.*

*When you have found him, bring me word,
that I too may go and do him homage.”*

After their audience with the king they set out.

*And behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place
where the child was.*

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw the child with Mary his mother.*

*They prostrated themselves and did him
homage.*

*Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense,
and myrrh.*

*And having been warned in a dream not to
return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another
way.
AMEN*

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

*We celebrate those who are present,
and we remember in prayer those who have gone ahead †.*

January 4 . . . Curtis Stoves, Sheila Zito, Juanita Martinez

January 5 . . . Shelley Ryan, Delia Maria Davila

January 6 . . . Ronny Vann, Nina Jones, Caleb Colburn

January 8 . . . Kathy Tortorice, Cesar Ruiz, Margarita
Jimenez

January 9 . . . Janie Martinez, Marisol Arellano

January 10 . . . Jason McDonald, Susan Goolsby, Chris
Franklin, Kim McCoy, Yasber
Gonzalez

January 11 . . . Allen Antonio, Zac Whitson, Diane
Thomas, Kimberly Alvarado Herrera,
Yatziri Ramirez, Marine Garcia

January 12 . . . Devin Thompson, Megan Epperson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*We celebrate those who are present, and we remember in
prayer those who have gone ahead †.*

Anthony and Debbie Rupert . . . January 12

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord Feast

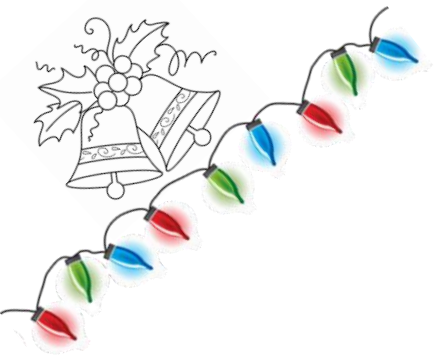
1st Reading Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Psalms 104: 1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Second Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

Alleluia Luke 3: 16

Gospel Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22



Glory

TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE,
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.